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Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group (DTG)
Minutes of December 13, 2010
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Present: Clare Gordon, Robin Gottlieb, Amani Gottlieb, Esther Kingston-Mann, Miriam Stein (co-chair).

Report on second Civil Discourse Retreat on December 9, 2010. A Steering Committee was formed to develop responses to acts of uncivil discourse that might take place in Arlington. Two sub-groups were also established. One will do outreach to community groups. The other will do media work.

The sub-group to increase the diversity among Town Meeting Members is developing a flyer to be distributed widely in town and considering other outreach activities.

We agreed to co-sponsor the Third Annual Diversity/Disability Job Fair.

Esther Kingston-Mann, from the UU Church's newly formed Diversity/Inclusion Committee suggested the DTG have a role in showing the video on the history of housing discrimination to the larger Arlington community, including realtors. She reported that many of the 60 people who viewed the video at a recent presentation at her church were unaware of governmental practices that supported housing discrimination.

We agreed to co-sponsor a video showing. We suggested she approach the Fair and Affordable Housing Committee and the Housing Corporation of Arlington for co-sponsorship and publicity. Esther had already spoken with the chair of the Fair Housing Committee about co-sponsorship and active involvement. We also suggested that Fair Housing Month (April) would be a good time to show the video.